(b) whether it is a fact that Tele graph Office at Fazilka did not func tion for more than one and a half month recently and the telegrams from Fazilka were sent to Bhatinda by messengers and it reaches their destination, even after ordinary mail;

(c) whether this fact was brought to the notice of the competent authorities and even by group of M.Ps. to the Hon'ble Minister and no action has been taken to restore the system; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir; it is not a fact because SFT chanfnels provided are terminated on electronic teleprinter which does not require air-conditioning environment and can work upto 45 degree celcious temperature.

(b) No, Sir. However, telegraph circuit working between Fazilka atnd Chandigart was not upto the mark in May, 93 and on three days in June 93. Therefore, telegrams were seftit by post to Chandigarh only on these three occasions in June 93.

(c) Yes. Sir: some complaints were received. Efforts were made to im prove working of the telegraph cir cuit between Fazilka and Chandigarh with the result that efficiency of the circuit improved from 49 per cent in May, 93 to 87 per cent in June, 93.

(4) Fazilka combined office is provided with an electronic teleprinter and is now connected to compute sed message transmission system at Chandigarh w.e.f. 22-6-93.

Tenders Floated by DOT

876. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government atten tion has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Indian Express dated 29th June, 1993 captioned "Mittal to swing 95 crores DOT deals;

(b) what are the details of the ten. ders and enquiry floated by the Department of Telecommunications for the purchase of telephone instruments and the details of the quotation submit ed by each of the tenderers; and

(c) whether any decision for the award of the contract has since been taken if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Telecommunications issued a tender for procure, ment of 15 lacs telephone instruments. The tender was opened on 16-3-1993. A list of the Type approved participants along with their quoted basic price *tot* a telephone instrument is given in Statement (See below) .

(e) The matter is under consideration.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the firm	Basic price quoted for each telephone instrume
		(Rs.)
1	Set Telecommunication Pvt. Ltd., Bombay	597.00
2	Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore	580.00
3	Rajasthan Telephone Industries Ltd., N. Delhi	596.00
4	Bharti Telecom Ltd., N. Delhi	585.00
5	BPL System and Project Ltd., Palaghat	580.00
6	Priyaraj Electronics Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore	585.00
7	GCEL Gandhi Nagar	615.00
8	Remington Rand of India Ltd., N. Delhi	600.00
9	Webel Communication Industries Ltd., Calcutta	595.00
10	Crompton Greaves Ltd., N. Delhi	600.00
11	Pulsar Electronics Ltd., Madras	600.00
12	Tata Keltron, Palghat	615.00
13	Punjab Wireless System Ltd., Chandigarh	588.00
14	Telematics System Ltd., Madras	640.00

Posting of Spouses in the same station

877. SMT. KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters/ representations received by Government from the Members of Parliament from December, 1991 to June, 1993 for transfer of spouses if both the partners are working be posted in the same place as per Government rules; also

(b) what is the number of representations still pending upto June, 1993 in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken in respect of Whese pending representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE < THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNIIC TIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (298.

(b) 47.

(c) Cases are under consideratior

क्षतिग्रस्त उपकरणों पर क्षतिभार

878. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्य संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महानग टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड द्वारा क्षतिग्रस्त उपकरणों पर 1200 रुपये की दर से क्षतिभार वसूल किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान क्षतिभार के रूप में कुल कितनी धनराशि एकत्रित की गयी है और